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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CANNON HIRED AS EIU'S DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING, FINANCE

CHARLESTON -- Larry G. Cannon, former vice president for administrative affairs at Chicago State University, has joined the staff at Eastern Illinois University as director of accounting and finance.

His responsibilities include overseeing a staff of 35 and matters "financial in nature," including general accounting, grant accounting, cash management, the bursar's area, accounts payable, and property control. He also serves as a liaison with the external auditing staff, interacts with the internal auditing staff in financial and operating audits, and serves as the primary liaison to the university community on fiscal matters and to various external agencies.

"We are delighted to have Larry join our business services team," said Marlyn Finley, director of business services/treasurer. "Larry has a wide variety of talents and is uniquely qualified for the position of director of accounting and finance. Larry's excellent communication skills, imaginative leadership, and proven high level of administrative competence will be a great asset."

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Although he misses his friends and former colleagues at Chicago State, Cannon feels at home in Charleston. "The people are so friendly and nice," he said. "Everyone works hard and has been very helpful. EIU seems truly like a university family."

Cannon will be joined by wife, Ann, and their five children -- Derrick, 20; Jason, 18; Lane, 14; Andi, 10; and Jeff, 2 -- sometime in mid-June, following the completion of the school year. The family comes to Charleston from Mokena, Ill.